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good, considering the unsanitary condition of the place. Smallpox exists to some extent in the surrounding country, but no accurate statistics can be obtained. About forty cases of leprosy exist in Panama, and many cases of beri-beri and elephantiasis. Whooping cough is also mildly epidemic. There were 3 deaths from yellow fever in the city hospital, all in men who had come to Panama from interior points of Colombia.

One vessel cleared for the United States, going to San Francisco via Mexican ports, taking three weeks to make the voyage. Sixty-five officers and crew, 10 cabin passengers, and 15 steerage passengers were inspected and passed.

Week ended January 24:

During the week there were 25 deaths from all causes, 2 being from dysentery, 2 from beriberi, and 4 from tuberculosis:

No yellow fever or other quarantinable disease has been reported and no cases have occurred in the city or Canal Company hospitals.

One vessel cleared for San Francisco, the crew and passengers being inspected before departure. Officers and crew on board, 60; cabin passengers, 10; steerage passengers, 36.

#### PERSIA.

##### *Precautions against importation of cholera from Turkish Arabia.*

The following is received through the United States minister at Teheran, under date of December 29, 1903:

SIR: I beg to bring to your notice the report of an outbreak of cholera in Turkish Arabia, and to inform you that the Persian Government has prohibited the departure of pilgrims and the transport of dead bodies to the holy places in Turkish territory.

Quarantine stations will be established at Kasr-i-Shireen, Mohammerah, and other necessary points on the Turkish-Persian frontier, and the regulations usual under such circumstances will be carried out.

Travelers desirous of entering Persia from the infected area will be called upon to submit to the enforcement of the strict rules provided for the proper discharge of the duties at each station.

This intelligence is communicated for your excellency's information.

MUSHIR-ED-DOWLAH,  
*Minister for Foreign Affairs.*

Hon. RICHMOND PEARSON,  
*Minister of the United States.*

#### PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

##### *Report from Manila—Cholera and plague in Manila—Cholera in the provincial towns.*

Chief Quarantine Officer Heiser reports, December 17, as follows:  
The number of quarantinable diseases reported in Manila during the week ended December 12, 1903, is as follows:

	Cases.	Deaths.
Cholera .....	2	2
Plague .....	1	1

*Cholera disappearing from the islands.*

The accompanying tabulated report shows that cholera is rapidly disappearing from the islands, and at the present rate of improvement it will soon be a matter of history. Considerable anxiety has been caused here by the reappearance of the disease in Japan. The islands have been deprived almost entirely of fresh vegetables since the outbreak of the disease here, and since Japan is one of the principal markets for these products any further restrictions upon cargo of this class would be looked upon with great disfavor.

*Smallpox in the islands—Vaccination.*

Smallpox has again made its appearance in many of the ports of the islands. Fortunately, the vaccination by the Service of all seamen in the interisland trade is well under way. The insular board of health has also petitioned the Philippine Commission for funds in order that the vaccination of the entire population in the islands may be accomplished.

*Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended December 12, 1903.*

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Zaragoza .....	Nueva Ecija .....	1	1
Vigan .....	Ilocos Sur .....	1	1
Iloilo .....	Island of Panay, Province of Iloilo.....	6	5
Capiz .....	Province of Capiz .....	0	2
Pandan .....	do .....	4	3
Bacolod .....	Island of Negros .....	1	0
Bulupanadan .....	do .....	3	0
Total .....	.....	16	12

## PORTO RICO.

*Report from San Juan—Inspection of immigrants.*

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, January 19, as follows:

*Report of alien passengers arriving at San Juan during the week ended January 16, 1904.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Jan. 11	Solent .....	Barbados, Castries, Fort de France, Roseau, Pointe a Pitre, Monserrat, St. John, Antigua; St. Christopher, and St. Thomas.	7
	Martin Saenz .....	Barcelona, Valencia, Malaga, Cadiz, Las Palmas, and Teneriffe.	8
	Total .....	.....	15

*Report of alien passengers arriving during the week ended January 16, 1904, at the six sub-ports of Porto Rico.*

Date of arrival.	Vessel.	Where from.	Number of immigrants.
Jan. 16	MAYAGUEZ.		
	Salvador .....	Port au Prince, Jeremie, Les Cayes, Jacmel, Santo Domingo.	7

Aguadilla, Arecibo, Arroyo, Fajardo, and Humacao, no transactions.